Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Katherine Gertrude Mace, a cherished resident of Kansas City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her One Hundred First Birthday with a special celebration on November 28, 2004; and

Whereas, on November 28, 1903, in Waldron, Missouri, God brought a special gift to David and Mary Pearl with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Katherine Gertrude, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, Katherine Mace was born the same year that the first World Series baseball game was played, Orville Wright made the first successful flight in a self-propelled airplane, and the Rolls-Royce automobile company was founded in Britain; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Katherine Mace had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage in April 1924 to Carl Mace (deceased) and the birth of their only child, Ernestine Elizabeth Mace; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Katherine Mace has further distinguished herself as an active member of her church, where she has enjoyed recognition as Choir President, Mission President, Prayer Band President, and Wheel and Works Club President; and

Whereas, at the truly respectable age of 101, Katherine Mace is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Katherine Mace at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Katherine Gertrude Mace, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for her.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4552, adopted November 30, 2004.